

The Willington Historical Society  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 17, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was held at the Willington Library. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Masinda at 3:13 pm

Members present: Mark Masinda, Shari Masinda, Julie Engelke, Sue Schur, Donna Caplette, Betty Robertson, Bob Shabot.

Present to Speak: B. Shabot discussed field trip to Lebanon CT Historical to view usage of space, prior to redoing the Glazier Tavern garage space. S. Masinda to contact Lebanon to set up date.

B. Robertson generously has volunteered to provide funds for a tavern table. B. Shabot to check at auction.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes with correction, Motion B. Robertson, D. Caplette, seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report by Sue Schur. Income from dues has dropped off, should be back on track with upcoming newsletter and planned events.

Motion S. Masinda, J. Engelke, seconded, approved.

**Old Business**

Discussion to lower the listed price on the Ruby Rd. property to \$55,000 to generate more interest. S. Schur motion to approve, J. Engelke, seconded, approved.

Grant update: have received CT Humanities grant #2 in the amount of \$5,200.

Tree Lighting in December worked out well and was well-attended, chorus performed and received donations in the amount of \$187. Glazier family from Massachusetts attended.

2023 Calendar, Feb. meeting is scheduled week prior to Sarah Sportman presentation. Feb. meeting could be postponed to an abbreviated meeting prior to presentation. All approved date/time change.

**New Business**

B. Shabot and S. Schur discussed placement of notebook at Tavern to track volunteer hours.

Discussion of request to use tavern for a wedding. Code compliance concerns and general condition of space, request declined as tavern is not yet in compliance.

Discussion of Sarah Sportman presentation at the Library. J. Engelke to get the title. Advertising in Facebook, Patch for Sportman presentation with descriptive write-up. Posters to be hung up around town, Library, Town Hall, Senior Center, etc.

Discussion of collaborations with the Mill, EC-Chap and the Hall museum with Tom Buccino and Tyler from Mill. Perhaps will co-sponsor a music program at the Mill later in the calendar year.

S. Masinda received communication from Catherine Schedeiman, whose family purchased the old Willington Game Farm property. Would love to host an informal activity there during nice weather.

Topics for upcoming newsletter; anniversary of town and library

D. Caplette presented ideas from Millbury MA, a fundraising calendar with old photos that sells for \$7. We could produce the same type of calendar.


B. Robertson donated a Gardner Hall box of thread, mail from 1906 from old Woolen Mills, and a 1942 photo of W. Ruby on his tractor.

M. Masinda working on submitting application for the CT Humanities Good to Great grant. Sent letter of intent. Grant applications over \$50,000 require a 20% match.

Adjourn 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Masinda

(Rescheduled 2/28 meeting and presentation cancelled due to weather. New date 3/30/23).

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